



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TOWN OF ELLINGTON

55 MAIN STREET
ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06029

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
Water Pollution Control Authority
Public Hearings & Regular Meeting
August 16, 2005
7:00 PM
MINUTES

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FIRST SELECTMAN'S
OFFICE

Present: Mark Spurling, Edward Duell, Rex Myers, and Stacie Mikol

Absent: Daniel Parisi

Also Present: Pamela Lombardo, WPCA Administrator

Chairman Spurling opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. by noting the legal notice into the record.

I. Public Hearing - Sewer User Charge and Permit Fee

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ELLINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGE
PROPOSED SEWER PERMIT FEE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7-255, that the Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing on August 16, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in the Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main St., Ellington, Connecticut, for the purpose of hearing comments by property owners concerning the proposed sewer user charges to be assessed upon owners permitted to connect to the sewer system. At the hearing the owner of each property against which charges are to be levied shall have the opportunity to be heard. All additional charges shall be in accordance with the Sewer Use Charge System. Proposed users in the Hockanum Sewer Area shall pay for services provided based on their actual use of the treatment works. Residential users that derive potable water from wells shall have their bills computed based upon the average use calculated in the fiscal budget. Also at the hearing individuals may make comments of the proposed increase of the sewer connection permit.

Proposed Sewer User Fee Hockanum Sewer System	\$185
Proposed Sewer User Fee Crystal Lake Sewer System	\$245
Sewer Permit Fee	\$275

The proposed unit total is based on one Equivalent dwelling unit with an average daily flow of 150 gallons per day. Said charge covers the use period of April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005. All additional charges shall be in accordance with the Sewer User Charge System. Proposed Users in the Hockanum Sewer Area pay for services provided based on their actual use of the treatment works based on their water compunction records. Residential Users that derive potable water from wells shall have their bills computed based upon the average calculated in the fiscal budget.

Permit fees are intended to cover expense incurred by the WPCA for the benefit of the applicant so costs are not transferred to others.

Pamela Lombardo, WPCA Administrator
Water Pollution Control Authority

Journal Inquirer
August 4, 2005

Lombardo gave a summary of Expense for FY 2005 for the Hockanum Sewer Use System and Crystal Lake Sewer Use System compared to the budgeted amounts.

Hearing no further comments, (CHAIRMAN SPURLING) MOVED WITH (MYERS) SECONDING TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:10 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

II Public Hearing- Policy for Sale of Wastewater Capacity- Continued from June 21, 2005

Lombardo reported she has heard no further information from the First Selectman or the Planning and Zoning and she passed out a summary she had prepared in March. She recommended only approving additional capacity for commercial property or put a moratorium on future sale of capacity until the capacity of airport sewer extension is known. Chairman Spurling requested the Public Hearing be continued to September and that Lombardo would prepare a review of the past information submitted in the prior hearings.

MOVED (SPURLING) AND SECONDED (MYERS) TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WPCA Regular Meeting

A. Citizen's Forum – no one present to make a comment.

B. Public Works

1. High School Pump Station - cost - Peter Michaud was not present.

C. New Business

1. Manor Development - Bond Reduction- No Bond reduction

2. Skinner Bond Amounts - Lombardo reported the building is already up and Jim Thompson, Town Engineer set the bond at \$20,000, inspection fees \$1,300, and Engineering at \$1,100 per his letter of June 21, 2005.

3. Santini - Deer Valley - Phase II Bond amounts

MOVED (MYERS) AND SECONDED (MIKOL) SET THE BOND AMOUNT, INSPECTION FEES, ENGINEERING FEES FOR PHASE II OF SANTINI'S APARTMENTS DEER VALLEY PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF JAMES THOMPSON, TOWN ENGINEER. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Jay (formerly Yost Lots) Parcels A & B

MOVED (SPURLING) AND SECONDED (DUELL) TO SET THE BOND AMOUNT AT \$5,000, INSPECTIONS AT \$950, AND ENGINEERING REVIEWING AT \$450 PER JIM THOMPSON RECOMMENDATIONS OF HIS LETTER OF AUGUST 16, 2005 APPROVAL IS FOR GEORGE JAY, PARCELS A & B OF NORTH FRANKLIN ST. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Old Business

1. Oak Hill - updates - Lombardo reported there are major problems with the sewer installation. Segments of the sewer pipe must be removed and replaced completely because of the misalignment. There are sags and bends in the pipe, and standing water. Since Thompson first report in February, only the manholes have been repaired. It was noted that there have been two meetings between Williams, Toll Brothers, and Staff and there is a short window of time before the first house is scheduled to be occupied.

This Thursday there is going to be another meeting to determine what and when was going to be fixed. Late today another meeting was set up with Williams to review the corrections on each section.

Lombardo has checked with VMS to be assure Williams has lined them up to do the repairs and the Town Attorney Susan Boyan has called the bank holding the letter of credit to see what paperwork has to be filed. This Thursday if it doesn't look like Williams is going ahead with the repairs next week; a recommendation would be made to call the letter of credit. Lombardo said she would be in touch with the WPCA members individually.

2. Pinney Hill Apt. - Lombardo noted there are major problems with wet basements at Pinney Hill Apts and Stonebridge Apts. The Management Company has been put on notice to provide the Town of Ellington access to inspect the basements and make sure there are no sump pumps connected to public sewers or seepage systems.

3. Airport Sewers

MOVED (SPURLING) AND SECONDED (DUELL) TO CONTINUE WITH ORIGINAL SCOPE OF THE ELLINGTON AIRPORT SEWER EXTENSION AS SUBMITTED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2004. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Administrative

1. Approval of uses for purchased capacity- Public Hearing continues to September.
2. Approval of Minutes

MAY 17, 2005 WPCA & PUBLIC HEARINGS – approval postponed

MOVED (DUELL) AND SECONDED (MYERS) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 21, 2005 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY & PUBLIC HEARINGS. PASSED DUELL, MYERS, SPURLING, AND MIKOL ABSTAINING

3. Approval of bills for payment

MOVED (SPURLING) AND SECONDED (DUELL) TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MONTHLY INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,155.03 AND THE LEGAL INVOICES TOTALLY \$841.25 FOR PAYMENT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Town of Vernon - Public Hearing Sewer Use – Sprinkler/Pool use - Lombardo reported she, First Selectman Dennis Milanovich and many residents of Chasseral Meadows and Gasek Farms attended the August Sewer Use Hearing in Vernon. She reviewed the possible methods of metering water used for sprinkler use, provided Vernon with a copy of Court decision Ellington WPCA had with Cornfield Apartments, and an example of the sewer bills charged to some of the property owners who had sprinkler systems. She felt they were well received and hoped there would be a solution to the unfairness of using the water consumptions records.

5. Increase Sewer Permit Fee by \$25 - Included in the sewer use levy motion, effective September 1, 2005.

6. Levy Sewer Use Fee

MOVED (SPURLING) AND SECONDED (DUELL) TO LEVY THE SEWER USE FEES AS FOLLOWS:

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A UNIT IS BASED ON ONE EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT WITH AN AVERAGE DAILY FLOW OF 150 GALLONS PER DAY. SAID CHARGE COVERS THE USE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2005 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2005. ALL ADDITIONAL CHARGES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEWER USE CHARGE SYSTEM. PROPOSED USES IN THE HOCKANUM SEWER SYSTEM AREA PAY FOR SERVICES BASED ON THEIR WATER CONSUMPTION RECORDS. RESIDENTIAL USES THAT DERIVE POTABLE WATER FROM WELLS SHALL HAVE THEIR BILLS BASED UPON THE AVERAGE FLOW. SEWER USE BILLS WILL BE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2005. SEWER PERMIT FEE WILL BE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2005. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Legal Opinion – Sewer Easements on Private Property – There was a short discussion on the legal opinion provided by Atty Susan Boyan concerning Sewer easements on private property. The end result is the property owner has the financial responsibility to repair any sewer problems.
8. Town of Vernon- Reimbursement request for Pump Station testing. - Bill was approved in above accounts payable batch.

**MOVED (SPURLING) AND SECONDED (MYERS) TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY AT 7:38 PM. PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pamela Lombardo", followed by a horizontal line.

Pamela Lombardo
WPCA Administrator